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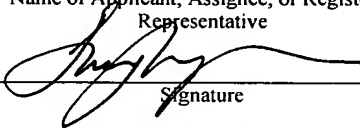


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- (1) Bustgens et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,725,363, issued March 10, 1998;
- (2) International Published Application No. (A2) WO 02/053290 (PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF HARVARD COLLEGE), published July 11, 2002;
- (3) European Published Application No. (A2) 0 568 902 (WESTONBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED), published November 10, 1993; and
- (4) S. R. Quake et al, "From Micro- to Nanofabrication With Soft Materials", *Issues in Nanotechnology Review, SCIENCE*, November 24, 2000, Vol 290, pp. 1536-1540.

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